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# Program News

## News From Department of Natural Resources

### Outdoor Burning Permits Available

Although it is winter, outdoor burning permits are still required with the following exceptions.

- 1) Small recreational fires.
- 2) Ceremonial fires.

All other fires require a permit from the Tribal Department of Natural Resources. A friendly reminder that only yard waste can be burned. Please don't burn lumber, garbage, furniture or other man made products.

### Firewood

There is still plenty of firewood that is for tribal members only. If you need wood please come by the Department of Natural Resources and get a wood cutting permit. The permit is free and the logs are behind the water towers and ready to be cut. Two cord limit per person.

### Got Goats?

The Department of Natural Resources would like to find someone that has goats and/or sheep to graze the grass and blackberries at the fish hatchery. The area around the settling pond is in need of grazing and we prefer to use natural methods of control instead of chemical control. So if you need some place to graze your goats, please contact someone at The Department of Natural Resources.

## Program Available For Your Child Care Needs

The Chehalis Tribal Day Care is a fully licensed day care. Spots are available for children ages 6-weeks -5 years old. We are getting a lot of children please come in and apply.

Drop off care for Tribal Members is \$20.00 for full day and \$10.00 for a half day. Please come in any time to see how the children are doing. It is very important that we remember to sign the children in and out, we also will ask to see ID if we don't know who the person is, just for your child's protection.

Please contact Evelyn Kalama, Child Care Coordinator at 360-709-1889 if you are interested in using our program to assist you with your child care needs.

## Insurance Available Through Home Owners/Tenants Program to Protect Your Property

The Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority has information and applications for the AMERIND Native American Protection Plan or the AMERIND Native American Shield. This insurance coverage covers dwellings, other structures (garages, barns, tool sheds etc) and personal property.

This program is available to Native American Homeowners and Rental Tenants living within the boundaries of the Reservation. For an application and/or additional information stop by the Housing Office.

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♦ "People of the Sands" ♦



## Home Buyer Opportunity

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## Tribal Members Recognized for Successfully Completing Intensive College Classes



**Irene Adams receives her certificate from Lisa Edwards, Tacoma Community College during the graduation ceremony at the Community Center. Her speech was touching as she acknowledged that her success was due to her classmates' team effort. She said she was glad her mother was there to witness the first class she has ever graduated.**

*By Stephanie Pickernell, LEC Associate Development Advisor*

On Wednesday, February 9 the first participants of the Lucky Eagle Casino's on-site program, Tribal Enterprise and Gaming Management (TEGM) Certification program, graduated after an intensive 49 week program. Two others, Farley Youckton and David Youckton, graduated from the same program conducted on-site at the Red Wind Casino in 2008.

Family and friends of the graduates gathered at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center to celebrate their achievement with them. Dinner was provided by the Lucky Eagle Casino. The Casino also brought in a

photographer to take pictures that are being provided to the graduates as a keepsake.

The Lucky Eagle Casino and Tacoma Community College partnered to provide on-site college courses with an end result of the student receiving 14 college credits and a certificate in Tribal Enterprise and Gaming Management (TEGM). There were seven modules consisting of seven classes per module over the period of a year with one 3-hour class per week. Classes started in February 2010.

The purpose of offering these courses is to build management skills within the

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## Interesting Information on Page 3:

- Elders learn new recipes
- The Book "Glimpses of Gate" shares neighbors memories of past Chehalis Reservation people, part 2
- Casino Management Program for Tribal members, part 5; Featured Rodney Youckton

## New Airboat Will Help Save Lives During Flood Emergencies

*By Fred Shortman, Editor*

The Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement has purchased a new Air Boat for the Search and Rescue Team. The Tribe had written and successfully received a resource grant through Homeland Security Emergency Management. Flooding is of a major concern for many centuries affecting our homes located in the flood plain and surrounding the higher locations sometimes for several days. It also causes challenges for Law Enforcement to handle emergency calls resulting from the flooding.

It was built by Diamondback Airboats out of Cocoa, Florida. They won the bid to build it and the airboat was custom made to fit the Search and Rescue Teams needs. They've built many airboats, but this the first to have a drop down front end and also fitted with an outboard motor. This airboat can travel on both land and water, so it can get places that are too diverse for quads, trucks or boats. Creating a new tool enhancing the Search and Rescue Team's opportunities to save lives for the community.

The special specs requested were to use this airboat to handle emergencies required during flooding. Not just for our community's emergencies, but to assist other local agencies including Thurston, Grays Harbor and Lewis County.

Training has already begun as the airboat will handle a three man team to assist in its needs. The Search and Rescue team will work in unison in order not to become another victim to the elements. Safety

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## Basketball League Encourage Native Youth to Live Healthy Lifestyles Through Sports and Education

*By Greg Harrison, Tribal Consultant*

On Monday night, February 7, the Chehalis boy's High School basketball team played a tough Nisqually team in the recently formed Inter-Tribal Basketball League. Chehalis won 86-45. Nisqually also played travelling a traveling Muckleshoot Jr. High School team.

The Inter-tribal League was formed in the fall of 2010 by seven Tribes, namely, Chehalis, Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Puyallup, Skokomish, Squaxin Island and Suquamish Tribes. The league is in its second 10 week season. At the end of each season all teams get together and play in a Jamboree style tournament. Members and coaches in the following: Tony Medina, Chehalis; Mike Starr, Kelvin Barr, and Mike John, Muckleshoot; Bill Kallappa, Greg Harrison, Farron McCloud from Nisqually; Phillip Dillon from Puyallup; Jermaine Raham of Squaxin Island; Tome Grover and Patty Gouley from Skokomish; and Craig Miller and Magdalena Turreita from Suquamish Tribe.

The Inter-Tribal League was formed with the intent of having native youth play other natives from Tribal communities

throughout the Northwest. The league is drug and alcohol free promoting healthy life

styles, sportsmanship, engaging community members, and increasing school attendance.

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**Shawn Youckton from Team Chehalis takes a jumper during the game against Team Nisqually in a highly - competitive game in the High School Division of the Native Basketball League.**

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## 2 Home Buyer Opportunity



The Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority is accepting applications from Chehalis Tribal Members interested in purchasing a single-family residence at the Vosper Subdivision. The CTHA has available one, and three bedroom homes, approximately 1500 square feet each. If you are interested, stop by the Housing Office and pick up an application. Any questions, contact the Housing staff at 360-273-7723

## Protect Your Family by Preventing Potential Dangers That Cause House Fires

House fires are not particular about their victims, and the fact is that house fires can happen to anyone, but having some knowledge about the potential dangers of house fires is something that everyone should be educated about.

Approximately 5,000 Americans die each year in fires, and 80 percent of those deaths result from home fires, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. In fact fire's kill more people each year than all natural disasters combined.

Check your smoke detectors and establish escape routes to help protect your family in case of a fire. These can be life savers and should be installed throughout the home. You should replace the smoke detectors batteries twice a year. It's also not a bad idea to have an all-purpose fire extinguisher in your kitchen, one that is rated for grease and electrical fires.

Make at least two alternate escape routes in the event one route becomes blocked by fire. All members living in the house should know about all escape routes in the home and everyone should have a meeting place so that it is known that everyone has made it out safely.

Common causes of house fires. Cigarettes are a leading cause of house fires. Three out of four injured people die in those fires.

### Prevention

- Never smoke while lying down on a couch or in bed.
- Check under chairs and sofa cushions for cigarette butts before going to sleep.
- Wet cigarette butts, ashes, and matches before dumping ashtrays.
- Extinguish lit cigarettes in an ashtray when leaving the room.
- Use large, deep ashtrays.

Cooking does not seem dangerous but it causes many injuries to adults as well as children. It can also cause house fires.

### Prevention

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking.
- Keep pan and pot handles turned in to keep them from being knocked off or pulled off by children.
- Wear close-fitting sleeves while cooking. Loose-fitting sleeves may catch fire or knock pans off the stove.
- Put out grease fires by covering the pan with a lid or using a fire extinguisher.

Heating Equipment such as space heaters, gas heaters, wood stoves, and fireplaces

cause many fires, mainly in winter months.

### Prevention

- Keep heaters, stoves, and fireplaces at least 3 feet from everything that burns, such as: sofas, curtains, beds, clothes, walls, and blankets.
- Watch children closely while in rooms with space heaters.
- Use screens in front of fireplaces. Put ashes from wood stoves and fireplaces in a metal container and place outside.
- If a heater uses fuel like propane or kerosene, use only that kind of fuel. Add more fuel only when the heater is cool.
- Properly maintain heating equipment. Have chimneys cleaned every year.

Children playing with fire are a major cause of house fires. Nearly three out of four people killed in those fires were under the age of 5 years old.

Please help spread a winter safety message that can help you prevent serious injury. Every winter we see house fires and burns caused by candles, fireplaces and space heaters, which are often used to heat or light homes during the colder days of winter.

Hospitals burn centers say that at least one-third of their patients are under the age of 4. Children are curious and will touch just about anything that catches their eye, but very young children don't have the reflexes to remove their hand quickly when they touch something hot.

### Prevention

- Teach your children...
- That fire is a tool and not a toy.
  - To tell you if they find matches and lighters.
  - To never stick objects into space heaters, fire places, gas heaters, or any open flame.
  - Always keep matches and lighters out of the hands of children.

Hot Spots In a home can cause a fire. With little effort or cost, you could save your home and your life.

### Prevention

- Extinguish (blow out) candles before leaving the room.
- Use electricity responsibly. Too many plugs in wall sockets or overloaded extension cords are fire dangers.
- Replace cracked or frayed (split) electrical cords.
- Keep liquids that burn easily, like gasoline and paint thinner, outside in closed metal containers.



The Head Start Pre-K class wishes everyone a

Happy Valentines Day!!



## News from the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center

### Benefits of Dental Care

Did you know that the health of your teeth and gums affect the health of your developing baby?

Studies suggest that the risk for high blood pressure and swelling, pre-term birth, and low birth weight babies increases in women with gum disease.

During pregnancy the blood supply is increased by 30% to 50%. The increase in blood supply is to support a healthy pregnancy, but it also supply's the gum tissue with additional blood. Plaque bacteria that is not removed twice a day thrives in the mouth with increased blood supply. The bacteria in turn enter the blood stream and

cause a hormonal response similar to those that cause uterine contraction and cervical dilation. It is very important to see your dentist and hygienist while you are pregnant to have your teeth cleaned and examined.

The second trimester is the best time to receive dental treatment including cleaning and fillings, however emergency dental care requiring tooth extraction or root canals can be performed when required. Cosmetic procedures and tooth whitening should be scheduled after the birth of the baby.

To schedule your dental exam and cleaning call your dental clinic at 360-709-1659 or 360-273-5504.

### Factors to Consider When Choosing Elderly Care

Caring for the elderly is a challenge and can be overwhelming if not given proper consideration. Factors to consider include the choice between professional and home care, as well as a number of financial and legal issues.

### Long-Term Care

For those who can no longer take care of themselves, long-term care is a broad term for many different options including nursing homes and in-home care. Long-term care can be incredibly expensive - \$40,000 per year or more. Prescription drugs, legal fees and other costs can creep up quickly as well. But insurance premiums can also be fairly expensive - up to \$6,000 per year. Decide what type of care you want, find out the uninsured cost for it and compare it to the insurance premium that would cover it. This will help you determine what coverage is right for you.

Long-term care usually consists of some combination of skilled care, intermediate care and custodial care. Skilled care is the most expensive service involving round-the-clock care by a registered nurse under the close supervision of a physician. Intermediate care is less intense and includes occasional nursing and rehabilitative care under the supervision of medical personnel. Custodial care is home care. It provides for the basic, non-medical needs of a patient such as cooking, bathing and other day-to-day needs.

### Selecting An Insurance Provider

Long-term care insurance is becoming increasingly popular as a way of easing the financial strain that long-term care can impose. Shopping around for long-term care insurance is important because all policies are different and you will need to find a policy that will fit your particular needs and budget.

With the wide variety of services that are available, choosing the right insurance provider can be difficult. There are a few questions, however, that will help you decide.

- How are the benefits paid? Are they sent directly to the provider or do you have to pay the charges and receive reimbursement?
- Who determines if the patient needs home health or nursing home care?
- What level of care does the policy provide?
- What is the waiting period from when the service begins to when benefits are paid?
- Does the policy cover Alzheimer's disease and related disorders?

### The Legalities of Elder Care

When you assume care of an elderly

relative, there are many legal documents and formalities that may need to be completed.

These should be taken care of as soon as possible and, if the person you are taking into your care can help you, it will make the process go more smoothly. Keep in mind that when someone completes these documents, they are, in fact, giving up some control of their own lives. Only a very close friend or family member with no conflicting motives should be given these powers.

■ **Letter of Instruction.** A letter of instruction provides important information and instructions a caretaker may need. It includes the contact information for close family and friends, a list of assets and liabilities, a list of insurance policies and information on all financial accounts.

■ **Will.** A will designates who will receive major assets after a person dies. It also includes guardianship of any children under the age of 18. Smaller items such as heirlooms, furniture and other household goods, should be addressed in a separate testamentary letter. This letter should be referenced in the will.

■ **Powers of Attorney.** If the people under your care are unable to make decisions for themselves because they are somehow incapacitated, you will need to have power of attorney to make these decisions for them. Of course, they will need to create powers of attorney before they are actually needed. There are two main types of powers of attorney:

A durable power of attorney gives a person, or people, authority to manage finances and other legal affairs if the person needing care is not capable of managing these. It can be long-term or short-term and allows the party that has power of attorney to use money to provide care, sign tax returns, handle investments and other important matters.

A health care power of attorney allows the person designated to make healthcare decisions if the person being cared for is unable to make these himself or herself. For example, someone holding power of attorney may be able to decide against dangerous surgery if he or she feels that is in the patient's best interest.

■ **Living Will** A living will is a clear statement about wishes regarding artificial life support. If a person's brain is dead yet the body remains functioning only with the help of life support, a living will directs attendants in what choice to make - to keep the machines functioning or turn them off.

### Program Available to Answer Health Questions "Dear Provider"

The Staff at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center (CTWC) want to hear from you. We invite you to participate in a new monthly column: "Dear CTWC Provider". You can write a question to the CTWC Provider of your choice--or just a general question.

We hope this will give our community and

our staff another way to communicate. The questions can be anonymous. You do not need to sign the letter.

The drop boxes are located at the Wellness Center and Tribal Center for your letters. We hope this will be a good service for our community. We hope to hear from you soon.

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"People of the Sand"

# Elders Learn Tasty Recipes That Spice Up Their Day

By Nancy Romero, Elder's Coordinator

On Saturday, January 22 about 12 people showed up at the Elder center (9 were Elders) to learn to make tamales from scratch. I know this isn't Native food, but some Elders requested to have a class, so we tried it and boy it sure was fun.

They mixed the dough up (which is called masa) seasoned their meat to their own taste as some like it hotter than others—during this time the corn husked they rolled up the masa and meat in were soaking in water to be pliable when ready to roll. As they got their tables ready with spatulas and I showed them the way to spread the masa on the corn husk and put the chili meat in the middle and to rolled the tamale it began—there was groups of two one to spread and the other to roll. Ray Romero helped by putting the rolled tamales in the pots to cook—while each group made about 8 dozen each they waited patiently while they cook.

During the waiting time I also showed some how to make Spanish rice and some made potato salad. As they tamales cooked



**Elder Priscilla Jones displays the tamales she learned to make at the Elders Tamale Cooking class. She is looking forward to adding this delicious recipe to her family's dinners.**

you could smell the delicious aroma of the tamales in the air. After about 2 hours, Ray came out of kitchen and said first batch

is cooked and we all went to sample taste them...MMMMM good!! As the day went on all of the tamales were cooked and after

sampling and cooling the tamales off each Elder took home the tamales they made and donated a few dozen for the next Bingo Dinner. So if you were lucky enough to be family or friends to one of the Elders that learned how to make tamales just maybe they shared!!

What a great day it was and I want to Thank you Marie Bird, Art Medina, Nadine Burnett, Levy Sanchez, Priscilla Jones, Caroline and Jerry Sloppy, Bea Starr and Evelyn Penn that took the time come and learn and make tamales!! Enjoy them!

The next requested class from some Elders is Egg Rolls or Spring Rolls. So in March or April we will have this class! If this sounds good, any Elder is more than welcome to sign up for the class. Please contact me at 360-709-1577 or cell number 360-870-0141. Please stop in for lunch on Monday, Wednesday and Friday @ Noon and breakfast on Thursdays at 9:00 AM.

On Wednesday, January 27 some of the Elders stopped in the Elder center to strip Cedar for upcoming projects in February. They did work hard, and made it fun joking and laughing as they focused on the project.

## Planning Ahead will Assist Tribal Members in Meeting Their Higher Education Goals

By Racheal Mendez, Higher Education Coordinator

If are you interested in College this next fall (September) 2011, be sure to fill out the Chehalis Tribal Scholarship packet. Also start thinking about signing up for admissions to the school of choice. With most universities they have deadlines, but with community college you still have time! Your Chehalis Tribal Scholarship packet will need to be completely finished one month before your college quarter starts. If college is not what you're interested in, then now would be great time to start thinking of other educational goals like technical school, or a vocational program.

After you have completed you're taxes this year you could also think about filing for your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

FAFSA must be completed in order for you to qualify for the full Chehalis Tribal Scholarship Award. For the Basic Chehalis Tribal Scholarship Award FAFSA is not required. It is recommended that all students apply for FAFSA as soon as possible. By submitting a FAFSA you will be reviewed for grants, work-study and maybe a large amount of other additional funds.

Besides thinking of admissions and FAFSA, I have been working on putting another college fair for this May. I have been working on the date, and hope to have more information this upcoming month.

For more information please contact me at 360-709-1698 or email: [Rmendez@chehalistribe.org](mailto:Rmendez@chehalistribe.org)

## Training Program Helps Tribal Members Become Successful Managers



### Featured Tribal Member:

My name is Rodney Youckton. I began the Executive Tribal Development Program in July 2004. As a member of the Chehalis Tribe, my eventual goal is to become the General Manager of the Lucky Eagle Casino. As I pursue my long-term goal, there are many short-term goals to achieve along the way, including attending workshops, conferences, college classes, on-the-job training, and becoming involved with non-profit organizations and the tribe's sub-committees.

I have celebrated many accomplishments since joining the development program. In 2005 I completed the nine-month Leadership Thurston County program. Later, in preparation for becoming a director, I enrolled in the Evergreen State College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in June 2009. I attended workshops at the University of Nevada at Reno and received certificates of completion for Security and Title 31 workshops. In April 2010, I completed a 12-week Dale Carnegie program on Communication and Human Relations which helped me conquer one of my greatest fears: public speaking. John Setterstrom and Chris Buitron have also taught me valuable speaking skills that have proven very helpful when standing before small and large gatherings in the community



**Tribal Member  
Rodney Youckton,  
LEC Executive Tribal  
Development Program**

at large.

Concurrently with my schooling, I gained experience in all departments of the Lucky Eagle Casino. As I shadowed each department and spent time with all the supervisors, managers and directors, I learned how each department operated including: staffing and scheduling, hiring, the disciplinary process, uniforms, budgeting, and other issues.

John Setterstrom firmly believes that being a leader includes being involved in

your community. He has often said that it is our responsibility to share our gifts - our time, resources and expertise - with others, and I take this sentiment to heart. I have been involved with Dispute Resolution Center, American Red Cross, United Way, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Native American Advisory, Boys & Girls Club, Thurston County Juvenile Justice Coalition, and other organizations. I am currently serving with The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound as well as the Chehalis Tribal Housing and Health Boards.

I continue to attend casino-related conferences and workshops and have served as a mediator on several occasions. It's a good way to network with other tribes as we all are in the same business and have similar struggles and successes.

## Helpful Government Web Sites Available to Help Protect Families

■ **Recalled Products.** To provide better service in alerting the American people to unsafe, hazardous or defective products, six federal agencies with vastly different jurisdictions have joined together to create [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov) -- a "one stop shop" for U.S. Government recalls. <http://recalls.gov/>

■ **National Sex Offender Public Website** This is an excellent web site for community members to search for people to whom they believe might be a registered sex offender living or visiting their area. Plus, it's free and easy to use. [www.nsopw.gov](http://www.nsopw.gov)

## Interview of Neighbors Reveals Memories of Chehalis Reservation People, Part 2

Submitted by Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator

*These writings come from the book "Glimpses of Gate" by Judith Upton. They were compiled from interviews with surrounding neighbors of the Chehalis Tribe. The information is taken from excerpts from the book with the person who was interviewed and provided the information is in parenthesis.*

The book can be purchased from the author for \$25, which includes tax. The address is **Judith Upton, 8333 Camano Loop NE, Lacey, WA 98516,**

### Dan Secena

Dan Secena was about grown when my Dad (Will Austin), who was eleven years old, came to live by the reservation. Dan taught him to do his fishing and hunting.

Dan said the first white women he ever saw were coming through the brush and they were all rain sodden and their skirts all torn and split to the knee. He was just a little kid and he'd seen 'em through the brush. He would be along there hiding as those people came through.

We went over to the reservation one evening to visit Dan Secena. When we got there. There was smoke trickling up through the salal and oak trees. Then Mama saw Mrs. Secena out there working over a

stand made of forked sticks with a lattice of little poles and ferns spread over the poles. Underneath was a smoky little fire. She had a big bucket of berries dumped out over the ferns and with a saucer she was spreading the berries out over the stand. She said she was drying the blackberries for winter. She let us sample some. They were a disappointing treat, only dried skin over seeds with the smoky taste we couldn't get rid of till the next day. Mrs. Secena was the last Indian lady that couldn't speak English. Mama could talk Chinook.

Dan Secena was so badly ruptured that he could hardly walk, but he came over to our house to see Dad because he knew Dad was gonna die. When he did die, the old man didn't want anybody to take him, but he walked clear down to the cemetery in Oakville. He was to the funeral, so you see they had to be good friends.

(Lillian Pilcher)

### Nellie and Bobby Choke

My Aunt Iva went over and asked Mrs. Choke if she could have her picture and she said she could if she would buy her material for a dress. Aunt Iva says, "How much cloth does it take?" She says "Pipteen yars" She

wanted two. Cloth was only five or ten cents a yard then, so she got her picture. That was Bobby Choke's mother. We sat in the house a little while and talked to her then went out in the sun to take the pictures.

(Lillian Pilcher)

There was prairie and the wild strawberries grew up there. There used to be people by the name of Choke, a dear old couple. And we used to go up and pick berries. They were little bitty things, you know, there were so good and sweet. They never objected to us picking on their property. And we would be going by and we'd stop and talk to them. Of course, many of them couldn't speak English very well. But I remember one time my mother was sick, and she was in an upstairs bedroom and Mrs. Choke came over to see her. She brought her a basket. Tears rolling down her face because my mother was sick.

(Gertrude Anderson Ross)

### Sophie Jack

I think it was about the third grade that Sophie Jack, one of the Indian girls from the reservation, started school. She rode a horse and our family's home being right on the way, why she would see us trudging along

the road. I got acquainted with her and got to be real good friends. She was probably a year older than I. During the high waters, the road was flooded. We'd have to go way over west, cross the fields, through the fences and trudge around. Sophie would stop in front of our house. She would get her horse close to the stump and I would get on back of the saddle. I rode like a queen with Sophie and didn't feel sorry for the little ones at all.

I remember later that Sophie, she must have been about twelve or thirteen, was pretty well developed. There were some bad boys in Oakville. They use to kind of eye her, watch her you know and one time my dad just happened to be working toward where that bridge is, near the corner of our property. He heard her screaming. Two fellows were trying to drag her off her horse and take her into the brush. Dad scared them, said if they ever came around, he would shoot them. She was never bothered again but that scared her.

She married a Yakima Indian and had two daughters. When the first husband was killed, she moved to the Dalles and met and married a white minister. Ida Jack Rosander is her niece.

(Irene Rasenan Thomas)

#### 4 Training Program (continued from page 1)



Graduates of the Tribal Management Training Program received their certificates for completing their 49 week course at Tacoma Community College. Pictured top row (L-R) are David DuPuis, Irene Adams, Robert "Dave" Paul, Daryl Boyd, Vanessa Youckton, Henrietta Boyd. Middle row (L-R) are Stephanie Pickernell, James Pickernell, Jesse Goddard, Lucy Hill, Angela Whitlock, Rachelle Wells, Tasha Goddard. Bottom row (L-R) Kathy Pickernell, Giles Youckton, Calvin Bray, Courtney Wright. Not pictured is Jerry Aldrich.

Photo by Larry's Photography

casino, offer college level courses at a convenient location for the employees of the Chehalis Tribe and Chehalis Tribal Members and to create a learning environment where skills are transferable within the casino and the community.

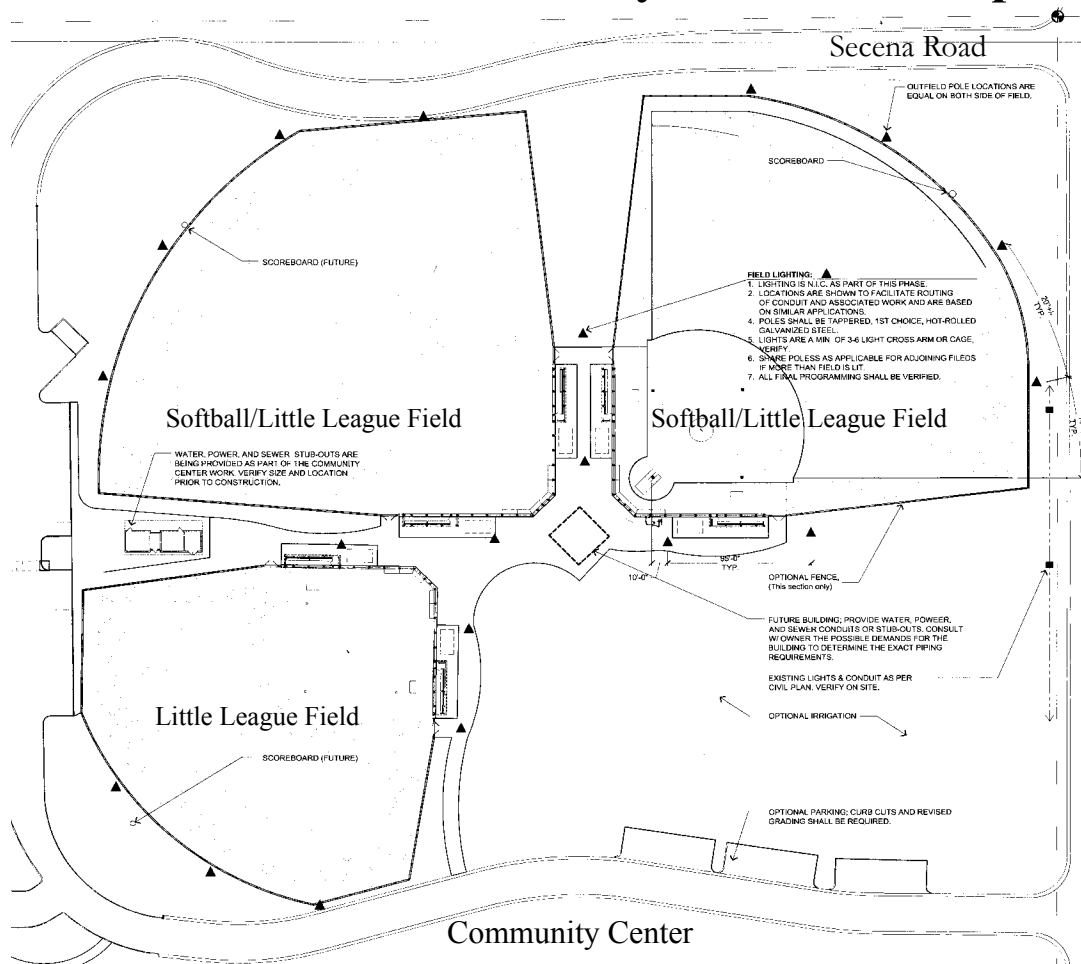
The courses offered were; **Supervisory Essentials and Frontline Leadership, Casino Human Resources and Personnel Management, Casino Regulations, Compliance, and Game Protection, Hospitality and Guest Services, Casino and Enterprise Finance Essentials, Casino Games Management, and Enterprise Operations.**

A total of twenty-one people showed

an initial interest in the program and of those eighteen graduated. Out of eighteen graduates, fifteen were Chehalis Tribal Members. The casino intends to bring the classes back for a second group later this year.

Congratulations to Irene Adams, Jerry Aldrich, Henrietta Boyd, Daryl Boyd, Cal Bray, David DuPuis, Jessie Goddard, Tasha Goddard, Lucy Hill, Robert "Dave" Paull, James "Ringo" Pickernell, Kathy Pickernell, Stephanie Pickernell, Rachelle Wells, Angela Whitlock, Courtney Wright, Giles Youckton, and Vanessa Youckton.

### Chehalis Tribal Community Baseball Complex



Here is the site plans for the Chehalis tribal community baseball complex located by the Community center on Secena Road.

### Airboat (continued from page 1)

equipment, continued training must continue to be an effect rescue group.

For more information contact Ralph Wyman, Director of Public Safety at 360-273-7051 or Email: Rwyman@chehalis.tribe.org

Bill Secena, Tribal Member and

driver of the airboat said, "Safety is a priority when operating this airboat. It is a great tool and if it saves one life or one person its worth the cost to have it available for our team."



The Search and Rescue Team is trained on the operation and safety of the newly purchase-Airboat. Pictured top row (L-R) are Trainer Dale Back, Officer Matt Bogart. Bottom row (L-R) are Tribal Member Bill Secena, Officer Arick Burnett.

## Updating Your BIA IIM Account May Result in Financial Reward

■ Do you have an IIM Account with the Bureau of Indian Affairs? You should receiving paperwork in the mail for many that do have an account with the Olympic Peninsula Agency. The \$3.4 billion *Cobell v. Salazar* Settlement 90-day Class Notice period began on January 20, 2010.

This historic class action Settlement with the federal government concerns Individual Indian Money (or IIM) accounts and land held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of individual Indians. Below is a attached release that outlines how affected beneficiaries can receive benefits under the Settlement. Approximately 500,000 Class Members are covered by the Settlement.

As a tribal publication whose audience is comprised of many potential beneficiaries, I implore you to help us update them about the settlement with coverage that includes the following information: Individual Indians unsure if they are included in the settlement can go to [WWW.INDIANTRUST.COM](http://WWW.INDIANTRUST.COM) or call toll free 800-961-6109 for more information about the lawsuit and settlement, including rights, obligations, and claim forms.

This Settlement resolves the government's failure to provide an historical accounting for IIM accounts and also resolves claims that the government mismanaged funds and other trust assets, including royalties owed to individual Indians for oil, gas, grazing, and other leases of non-tribal Indian lands.

#### By the Numbers

- \$1.5 billion will be available to distribute to an estimated 500,000 affected Class Members.
- A majority of Class Members are currently estimated to receive payments totaling about \$1,800, with some Class Members receiving much more depending on the level of activity in their IIM accounts.
- \$1.9 billion will be used by the Department of the Interior to buy small interests in trust or restricted lands from individual Indians willing to sell their fractionated land for return to tribal use.
- Up to \$60 million of the \$1.9 billion will be made available to provide higher education scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

#### Two Classes Eligible to Receive Money from the Settlement:

- **The Historical Accounting Class:** Individual Indians who had at least one cash transaction in an open IIM Account between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009.
- **The Trust Administration Class:** Individual Indians who owned trust land as of September 30, 2009 or who had an IIM account at any point in time between 1985 and September 30, 2009. Estates of deceased Class Members may also be eligible to receive money.

### Basketball (continued from page 1)

The league was spearheaded by Farron McCloud, Director of Youth Center, and Nisqually Youth Center, who took the initiative to utilize the Nisqually Youth Center and lead in forming of an all native organization that served youth from other communities. Students who participate will be in school or striving to attain their GED.

"Many Tribal youth do not get playing time in schools and inner City leagues. The Inter-tribal League will help give our Native youth that opportunity to play more games and increase their self-confidence and basketball skills." said Farron McCloud.

The long-term objective of the league is to have a boy's and girl's Junior High and High School Native league active in the Northwest. The league will have a Northern, Pacific and East of the Mountain divisions where all tribes can play regionally and have a play-off among each respective divisional tribal team.

There are 6 more Inter-Tribal games in this season, all of which are played on Monday nights. For a schedule contact your local youth program or get a copy from Bill Kallapa and he can be reached at 360-455-5213 Ext. 113.



The Junior High Division Nisqually (white) and Muckleshoot (blue) shake hands after the game hosted by the Chehalis Tribe. The Inter-tribal Basketball League encourages good sportsmanship and making new friends.

### Community Brunch

Community Center  
Gathering Room  
Saturday, February 26  
from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

The Colon Health Program is hosting a community brunch on Saturday, We'll share information about colo-rectal cancer and how to prevent it, make medicine bags and enjoy a 'Fiberlicious' meal.

For more information contact Patti Walker 360-709-1742 or Cindy Beck 360-709-1810 at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center

### SPIPA Colon Health Program "March to Prevention Conference"



New Chehalis Tribal  
Community Center  
Friday, March 18  
from 12:00 to 5:00 PM  
Saturday, March 19  
from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Registration opens on Friday, March 18 at 10:00 AM. A necklace workshop will start that day and information will be presented at several conference sessions along with a cooking demonstration. There will be raffles and incentive drawings.

If you would like to know more about colon health screening at your local tribal clinic please contact: Cindy Beck or Patti Walker at 360-273-5504.

### Public Notice: The Chehalis Indian Tribal Court, Oakville Washington

Che-Civ-9/10-354  
Notice of Child Support Hearing  
To Mackenzie Jones

Amended Petition for Child Support has been filed in the Chehalis Indian Tribal Court a hearing is set for March 9, 2011 at 10:30 AM. 30 Niederman Rd., Oakville WA on the Chehalis Indian Reservation. Any questions please feel free to contact the Tribal Court at 360-709-1615.

**THIS COURT HEARING MAY RESULT IN AN ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT BEING GRANTED.**